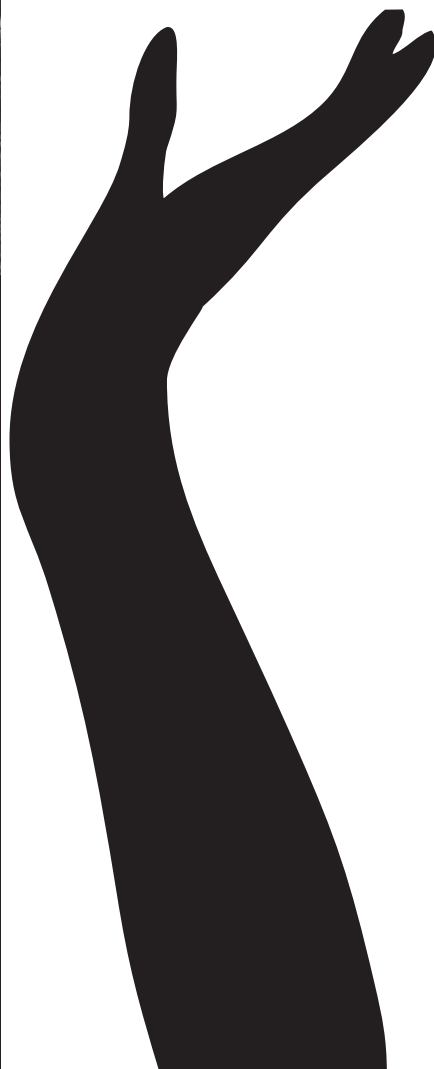




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WAVE 07



application package



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Dear Students and Educational Colleagues,

On behalf of the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board), we are pleased to present the 2007 Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) application package.

The WAVE program, now in its 24th year, recognizes students for outstanding achievement in career and technical education and for their character and commitment to provide leadership and service to their school and communities.

Since 1984, WAVE funding has provided Washington students with the opportunity to further their education and workforce training. Today, WAVE recipients are working in hundreds of occupations. They are medical technicians, firefighters, auto mechanics, chefs, nurses, and construction managers—to name just a few. Many award winners have gone on to start their own businesses, while others have obtained four-year degrees or higher.

The 2007 WAVE grant awards will provide tuition funding for four semesters or six quarters at a Washington State institution of higher education. The award value is based on which institution the student chooses to attend and how many credits are taken. In addition to having three years to begin using the monetary award and six years to fully use the funds, award recipients can pay for any valid educational expense, such as tuition or books, supplies, room, board, and transportation.

If you are an outstanding career and technical education student, this is an excellent opportunity, and we encourage you to apply!

Best Wishes and Good Luck!

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The WAVE Program

The Washington Award for Vocational Excellence (WAVE) program was created in 1984 by the Washington State Legislature to recognize and reward students annually who excel in career and technical education. The Washington State Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) administers this award.

Recipients of the WAVE annual award receive monetary grants, based on availability of funds, to pay undergraduate educational expenses for six quarters or four semesters at public four-year institutions, public two-year community or technical colleges, independent four-year institutions, or licensed private vocational schools. Recipients can pay for any valid educational expenses, such as tuition, books, supplies, room, board, transportation, or miscellaneous personal expenses. The grant is based on the undergraduate tuition and services/activities fees in effect at state-supported institutions and cannot exceed the annual, full-time, resident, undergraduate tuition and fees at the state's two public research universities (University of Washington and Washington State University). The grant can be used for undergraduate study only at schools in Washington State. The student must maintain a term grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 to continue using the award.

Applying for the Award

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

You are eligible to apply for the WAVE grant if you are a Washington State resident, currently enrolled student, and by June 30, 2007, will:

- Graduate from high school (or alternative high school) having completed a minimum of 360 hours in a single career and technical program approved by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, *or*
- Complete at least one year (minimum of 360 hours) in a career and technical program at a public community or technical college approved by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

A student may receive the award only once. Applicants must meet all WAVE eligibility requirements. It is understood that plans change and that a student may not graduate or complete a program at the time of nomination as expected. Applications will be accepted in good faith, and the award will be withdrawn should the student become ineligible after selection.

Application Form and Required Information

Only applications made on the 2007 WAVE Grant Application form will be accepted. You may use the printed application or make copies of the printed application. An Internet version is also available at www.wtb.wa.gov. No attachments or enclosures will be considered. (See Timelines in margin.)

Page 6 of the application collects data and signatures from the applicant, the applicant's instructor, local WAVE Coordinator, and the school officials. All of the requested information must be provided.

Timelines

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Completed applications must be submitted to the school's WAVE Coordinator.

MARCH 2, 2007

Completed applications must be postmarked and forwarded to the Workforce Board.

APRIL 13, 2007

Award winners will be notified and posted on the Internet.

MAY-JUNE 2007

Local recognition events will be planned by legislative district coordinators.

Evaluation of Applicant Responses

Pages 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the application are to be completed by the student. The student's responses will be evaluated and assigned a score based on the following point distribution ►

Statement of Need.....	25 points
Leadership.....	20 points
Community Service	20 points
Vocational Plans	30 points
Other.....	15 points
Student Narrative.....	30 points

Instructor's Evaluation of the Applicant

Page 7 of the application, completed by the applicant's instructor, evaluates the student's occupational competence, leadership, character, attendance, and attitude in an objective and realistic manner.

Activities at the School

School WAVE Coordinator

The school's WAVE Coordinator serves as the leading organizer of WAVE activities at the school. In most schools, the career and technical program administrator performs this function or designates another person to coordinate the application process. They assist students and instructors with questions about completing the application forms, review and screen applications to verify proper completion and certify eligibility, and facilitate selection of the school WAVE applicant(s).

Determining the Number of Applicants

(See *Formula in margin.*)

High School—The number of applications that can be submitted by each high school building is based on the building's number of graduating career and technical program completers who are:

1. Students reported to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction on the Vocational Program Completers Report (P210VOC) in October who graduated and completed a career and technical program, *or*
2. Students who were enrolled for at least 360 hours in either an approved industrial arts or family and consumer science education program who graduated during the same reporting period.

Community and Technical Colleges—The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges will notify each community and technical college of the number of applications it may submit.

State WAVE Selection Committee

The State WAVE Selection Committee, representatives from business, labor, education, government, and the general public, read and score applications and then select three winners from each legislative district. The citizen involvement in this selection process increases public awareness and participation in the WAVE program.

Legislative District Coordinator

The Legislative District Coordinator will arrange local recognition events to acknowledge and honor the WAVE recipients. A WAVE Coordinator is designated for each legislative district. This individual may be a career and technical program director, educator, advisory committee member, local businessperson, labor organization representative, or other interested citizen.

Formula

Each high school or skills center offering an approved career and technical program may submit at least one application. More applications may be submitted, but the total number of applications cannot exceed four. Each building may submit:

1 application for 149 or fewer graduating career and technical program completers.

2 applications for 150 to 249 graduating career and technical program completers.

3 applications for 250 to 349 graduating career and technical program completers.

4 applications for 350 or more graduating career and technical program completers.